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
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TO: Examiner Mark Rosenbaum  
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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RE: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/083,657  
For: METHODS OF MAKING A NIOBIUM METAL OXIDE  
Our Ref: 01017CIP (3600-346-01)

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated May 25, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a two-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before July 25, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.